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TO: School District Superintendents

FROM: Dr. David J. Holbrook
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RE: 3rd Annual Wyoming Native American Education Conference

FOR YOUR INFORMATION AND DISSEMINATION

The Wyoming Department of Education is inviting schools across Wyoming to participate in the upcoming Third Annual Wyoming Native American Education Conference. The conference will be held Oct. 18-19 on the campus of Central Wyoming College in Riverton.

Through a cooperative project with the Eastern Shoshone and Northern Arapaho tribes, students from both tribes have been identified as attending schools across the state of Wyoming. In addition we know that there are students from other Tribes represented in Wyoming's schools.

The conference is a development of the Triad Initiative, a school/community/government partnership designed to improve educational outcomes for Native Students on and near the Wind River Indian Reservation. Many innovative projects have been facilitated through this unique partnership. Specific information on the Triad Initiative is available on the Wyoming Department of Education website.

Goals for participants include:

- Learn about strategies to increase family involvement and promote effective participation from Native communities in education.
- Learn strategies on how best to meet the instructional and learning support needs of Wyoming Native American students
- Learn about strategies to counter bullying (including cyber-bullying) that have been used with success in school districts and communities
- Increase their awareness of the benefits of the partnerships between tribal and state governments, tribal communities, and schools and focus on educational issues.

While the goals are specific to Native American students, many of the underlying issues related to minority students in general, students living in poverty and universal issues like bullying and family involvement. There are a variety of presenters appropriate and beneficial for school boards, school employees and parents.

Register online through the Wyoming Department of Education website, workshops and registration.

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